



**UNITED STATES
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
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Memorandum

**FY99 Recalls and Corrective Actions for Toys and Children's Products
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The information presented is provided for inclusion with the 1999 Children's Day Program package. During fiscal year 1999, the Office of Compliance completed recalls and corrective actions involving 95 toys, children's products and bicycle or bicycle components.

The Office of Compliance announced a total of 37 regulated products that were recalled. The breakdown for these products is 17 toys, (1) bicycle, (8) robes, (2) cribs, (6) products that contain excessive lead-in-paint, (1) pacifier, and (2) costumes, which include a vampire cape and a witch broom. Information concerning these recalls is attached.

The Office of Compliance announced a total of 58 section 15 corrective actions or recalls for toys, children's products, and bicycles or components. These products include (2) bunk bed and bunk bed components, (2) cribs, (1) cradle, (7) children's clothing, (5) recreation and ride-on toys; (2) crib and activity/bath toys, (1) stroller, (12) toys, (1) toy chest, (1) playpen/play yard, (5) infant car seat/carrier(s), (2) gates, (1) bicycle helmet, (5) bicycle and bicycle components, and (11) miscellaneous children's products. Information concerning children's products is provided separate from bicycles and bicycle component information.

Copies of press releases are provided.

PART I

REGULATED PRODUCTS RECALL SUMMARY

A total of 37 regulated products were subject to the Commission's safety requirements. These products were voluntarily recalled or otherwise corrected.

Toys (17)

The hazards associated with the 17 different toy models are,

- 9 – can string, flammability of the propellant
- 1 – sharp point
- 2 – misbranded small ball
- 5 – small parts

A total of 1,724,452 toy units distributed were recalled.

Bicycles (1)

One bicycle was voluntarily recalled because of a faulty brake system. A total of 450 units distributed were recalled.

Robes (8)

Eight robes failed the sleepwear flammability requirement. A total of 65,233 units distributed were recalled.

Cribs (2)

Two cribs were voluntarily recalled because of improper crib construction and slat spacing. A total of 16,500 units distributed were recalled.

Lead-in-Paint (6)

Six children's products were recalled for lead-in-paint hazards. A total of 284,379 units distributed were recalled.

Pacifier (1)

One pacifier nipple separated from the base. A total of 120,000 units distributed were recalled.

Costumes (2)

Two items, a vampire cape and a witch broom each failed flammability requirements. A total of 12,000 units distributed were recalled.

PART II**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS UNDER SEC. 15 OF THE FEDERAL HAZARDOUS
SUBSTANCES ACT**

Fifty-eight sec. 15 corrective actions or recalls were announced in FY99 for children's products, and bicycles or bicycle components. These products include,

Bunk beds and Bunk Bed Components (2)

1 bunk bed recall for entrapment and strangulation hazards
1 hardware kit for top bunk bed falls and head entrapment

At least 42,400 units distributed were recalled.

Cribs (2)

1 crib, headboard and footboard slats can loosen, creating a large opening between slats, entrapment hazard

1 crib mattress, compresses causing babies to become entrapped

At least 68,600 units distributed were recalled.

Cradle (1) wooden legs may loosen or separate causing injuries if cradle tips

At least 1,800 units distributed were recalled.

Crib and Activity Tray/BathToys (2)

1 crib toy, sharp edge hazard from plastic flower stem

1 activity tray and bathtime toy, choking hazard from suction cups

At least 105,000 units distributed were recalled.

Children's Clothing (7)

1 hat, chinstraps present a strangulation hazard

4 snaps on infant cardigans, coveralls, tees, and creepers can come off, choking hazard

1 romper, ornamental cherries present a choking hazard

1 T-shirt, vinyl bubble patch if punctured can leak a petroleum distillate, harmful if ingested

At least 318,200 units distributed were recalled.

Recreation and Ride-On-Toys (5)

2 ride-on-battery-powered vehicles, batteries can overheat and pedals stick, causing fires and injuries

1 gym set, glider can bend or break causing falls if incorrectly assembled

1 toboggan, bowed front of toboggan breaks causing loss of control and injuries

At least 10,402,800 units distributed were recalled.

Stroller (1) plastic locks fail causing injuries

At least 57,000 units distributed were recalled.

Toys (12)

1 baby float, possible drowning when seat tears at seams

1 mallet, rounded ends become stuck in children's throats, block airways possibly causing death

1 basketball sets, potential strangulation in net opening

1 plugs from figurines pose a choking hazard

1 stacking ring, red ball that tops toy poses a choking hazard

- 1 trucks, small part present a choking hazard
- 1 beanbags, seam separation releases plastic pellets, small parts choking hazard
- 1 stuffed toy, pins found in stuffing, presents a sharp point hazard
- 1 Star Wars toys, batteries can overheat or rupture causing burn hazard
- 2 flashlights, short circuit and become very hot when turned on, posing a burn hazard; and, batteries can leak or overheat causing burn hazard
- 1 stuffed toy; pom poms detach posing a choking hazard

At least 11,891,900 units distributed were recalled.

Toy Chest (1) inadequate lid support causing injuries and suffocation

At least 100,000 units distributed were recalled.

Play Yard/Playpen (1) protruding rivets pose a strangulation hazard

At least 9,645,800 units distributed were recalled.

Infant Car Seat/Carrier(s) (5)

- 2 backpack carriers, strangulation risk posed by harness, falls through leg openings causing head and body injuries
- 2 fabric front and back carriers, falls through leg openings causing head and body injuries
- 1 car seat and carrier, handle locks unexpectedly release, causing seat to flip forward, serious injuries can occur

At least 1,260,000 units distributed were recalled.

Safety Gates (2)

- 1 plastic parts of the gate can break off into small parts, creating a choking hazard
- 1 locking mechanism can release, children could fall and be injured

At least 40,000 units distributed were recalled.

Bicycle Helmet (1) chin strap rivets can result in the helmet coming off the rider's head in the event of a fall or crash

At least 5,800 units distributed were recalled.

Bicycles and Components (5)

- 2 riders lose control of bike and fall due to fork separation
- 1 frame can crack and separate, causing rider to lose control
- 1 front wheel could fall off causing rider to lose control
- 1 handlebar can come out of the stem causing the rider to lose control

At least 12,000 units distributed were recalled.

Miscellaneous (11)

- 1 sandals, straps attached to the footbed can come apart causing falls
- 1 notebook, ends of notebook coils can break off causing a choking hazard
- 3 bottles, bottle caps can be pulled off; and drinking valve on or inside cap can detach creating a choking hazard
- 1 softball bats, tops of bats can shear off during use causing injuries
- 1 baby bouncer, ropes supporting the bouncer can unravel causing babies to fall
- 1 table, head entrapment occurs when children's heads become stuck in the 6-inch hole cut in the table's center
- 1 in shallow water, children can fall or land on a dive stick and suffer rectal or vaginal impalement, facial and eye injuries are possible
- 1 cup lid spout can tear between the slitted opening causing a small piece to come loose, posing a choking hazard
- 1 sneaker, pull-tab on zipper can twist off posing a choking hazard

At least 23,818,300 units distributed were recalled.

FY99 RECALLS

	Sec. 15 Recalls	Regulated Recalls	Total # Units Recalled
Children's Products #Units Distributed by Firms	57,757,600	2,223,014	59,980,614
Bicycles or Bicycle Components #Units Distributed by Firms	12,000		12,000
Total Units Distributed	57,769,600	2,223,014	59,992,614